

Happy Mother's Day

May 9, 2021

Welcome to ...

Our Lady of
Mount Carmel
Parish



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www.MountCarmelPgh.org

The loveliest
masterpiece
of the heart
of God
is the heart
of a mother.

- St. Thérèse of Lisieux

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FUNERALS

For most of this past year, all of our parish funerals have been held at our Saint Teresa Church. The purpose of this difficult decision was to **keep each of our churches to a single use** as much as possible in order to make the sanitizing process more manageable. Because each church building was **required to be sanitized after each use**, our maintenance team was finding it difficult to keep up with the need.

Now that we only need to **sanitize each building once a day**, we are able to open our churches a little more frequently. Therefore, beginning this week, **funerals can take place in any of our four churches**, and the choice lies with the family of the deceased. Local Funeral Directors have been notified of this change.

It needs to be said that this was tough for many of our families who were already mourning the loss of a loved one, but it also must be acknowledged that the pandemic has put many burdens on all of us, in many ways.

To be sure, with only a couple of exceptions, it was edifying to observe the **cooperation from almost everyone**, as they rose above their personal desires for the benefit of others. This is the kind of Christian love that pulls a parish together and is made stronger by joining together for a common purpose larger than ourselves.

Many thanks to those who faithfully served the 122 funeral Masses that took place at Saint Teresa since last June when we were first allowed back into our churches—funeral planners, sacristans, musicians, altar servers, maintenance crew, and clergy—who made sure that our deceased parish members were given an appropriate funeral Mass.

Burying the dead is one of the Corporal Works of Mercy and therefore an obligation for us all.

IN OTHER NEWS: A Happy Mother's Day to all! This is a very special day for all mothers and their children. For those who are fortunate to still have their mothers, it is a day to celebrate with them, if possible. For those of us whose mothers are deceased, it is a day to remember them and enjoy the many fond memories we have. And for those who may have a strained or difficult relationship with their mother, perhaps it is time to take a deep breath and repair or improve that relationship....Stay tuned for more news....

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:

“If evolution really works, how come mothers only have two hands?”

- *Milton Berle*

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

Funerals Return to Parish Churches Tomorrow

Starting tomorrow, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish will once again be scheduling Funeral Masses at all four churches in our parish. We've begun reaching out to funeral directors in the area to inform them of this development, and we want you to know that we will continue to support families in our parish as funeral needs arise



Also, Volunteers Are Needed

In addition, we are actively looking for volunteers to provide much-needed help with Funeral and other Masses, specifically, **altar servers**, **extraordinary ministers**, **lectors**, and **sacristans**. If you have some time to volunteer, we will be grateful for your help. Training will be provided. Please complete and submit the online form at www.mountcarmelpgh.org/volunteer-1.



Did You Know?

The relief that's mounted behind the altar at St. Teresa of Avila Church is the work of local artist Nicholas Parrendo, former owner of Hunt Stained Glass Studio who died in 2016. He was a skilled, highly acclaimed artist and devout Catholic whose work can be seen not only in other parts of St. Teresa Church (as well as the etchings on the windows at St. Sebastian Church), but also in many other area churches.

READINGS/Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26,34-35,44-48*

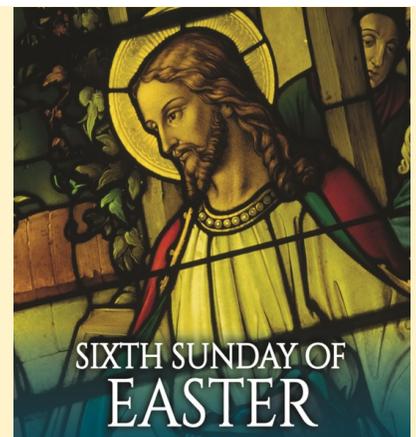
The gift of the Holy Spirit comes to Cornelius and his household, and they are baptized.

Second Reading: *1 John 4:7-10*

God is love.

Gospel Reading: *John 15:9-17*

Jesus commands his disciples to love one another.



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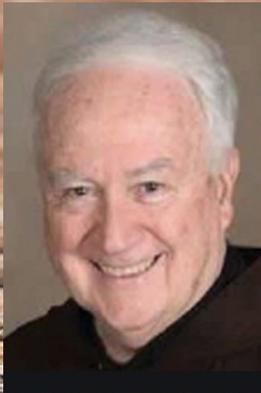
Knights of Columbus Sponsoring Family Fully Alive

The Knights of Columbus Council 14696 is sponsoring and inviting you to participate in Family Fully Alive. The Family Fully Alive Program asks families to invite God into their homes and cultivates each family as a miniature domestic church. The program provides monthly themes, scripture verses and activities. Through prayer and reflection, each family can grow in holiness together.

More information can be found at:
www.KofC14696.org



May's 13th of the Month Rosary to Feature Presentation by Father Scott Seethaler



Thursday, May 13th
St. Teresa of Avila Church.
Rosary at 7:00 p.m.,
followed by a program on
Mary the Trailblazer!
presented by
Fr. Scott Seethaler.

Everyone is invited.
Masks & social distancing
are required.



Parish Community Center Open Again!

Our Parish Community Center is again open and offering you the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities. It's located on the campus of St. Athanasius Church. We look forward to seeing you!

Full details are available at www.mountcarmelpgh.org.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

Join Our Parish Temporalities Ministry **Your Participation is Invited**

We're pleased to announce our newest ministry:
our **Parish Temporalities Ministry**.

We are actively seeking a group of dedicated parishioners who have proven expertise and hands-on professional skills in construction, maintenance, property management, risk management, and/or other related business fields.

Members of this ministry will be called upon on an as-needed basis to support our parish with your skills.

You will work with Mike Stobba (Director of Facilities) and our maintenance crew to maintain our churches and other properties at the parish's four campuses—St. Athanasius, Incarnation of the Lord, St. Sebastian, and St. Teresa of Avila..

While this ministry may on the surface first appear to be focused on the brick and mortar of the parish, the underlying *vision* is focused on our continued efforts to serve Christ and His people.

For More Information

Feel free to contact Deacon Rick Cessar via email at rcessar@mountcarmelpgh.org or by phone at **412-367-9001, ext. 8116**.



Requirements

- Hands-on professional experience in construction, maintenance, property management, risk management, and/or other related business fields
 - The desire to provide hands-on services to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish
 - Willingness to share your advice and expertise with our parish leaders, staff and other volunteers
- Our goal is to have the Temporalities Ministry launched and operating by June 1, 2021



Please Keep Clergy, Religious and Seminarians in Your Prayers

The Vocations Committee invites you to join in with them as they pray for members of the clergy and religious orders—past, present and future—on a daily basis. View a calendar of daily intentions on our website at **www.mountcarmelpgh.org/vocations**.



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Gathering Rite: Be Joyful, Mary

1. Be joyful, Mary, heav'nly Queen, Be joyful, Mary!
Your grief has changed to joy serene, alleluia! Rejoice, rejoice, O Mary!
2. The Son you bore by heaven's grace, Be joyful, Mary!
Did by his death our guilt erase, alleluia! Rejoice, rejoice, O Mary!
3. The Lord has risen from the dead, Be joyful, Mary!
He rose in glory as he said, alleluia! Rejoice, rejoice, O Mary!
4. Now pray to God, O Virgin fair, Be joyful, Mary!
That he our souls to heaven bear, alleluia! Rejoice, rejoice, O Mary!

Text: Regina caeli, jubila; Latin, 17th C.; tr. anon. in Psallite, 1901; Tune REGINA CAELI, 8 5 8 4 7; Leisentritt's Gesangbuch, 1584, alt.

Responsorial Psalm: All the Ends of the Earth

REFRAIN: All the ends of the earth have seen the power of God.
All the ends of the earth have seen the power of God.

1. Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done wondrous deeds;
Whose right hand has won the vict'ry for us, God's holy arm. (Refrain)
2. The Lord has made salvation known, and justice revealed to all,
Remembering kindness and faithfulness to Israel. (Refrain)
3. All of the ends of earth have seen salvation by our God.
Joyfully sing out all you lands, break forth in song. (Refrain)

Text: Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; ©1983, 1994, GIA Publications, Inc.

Preparation of the Altar: Love Goes On

1. Love is patient, love is kind, never ending, never ending;
Slow to anger, rich in mercy, love goes on beyond all time.
2. Love is faithful, love is true, ever joyful and forgiving;
Love endures when life is over, love is old and love is new.
3. Love alone has shaped our soul, and our hearts are always restless
Until love becomes our purpose, new creation to unfold.
4. Love our journey, love our goal. Though our faith may move the mountains,
Love alone can heal the broken; only love will make us whole.
5. Love, our Savior's one command: "Love the way that I have loved you,"
With a towel and a basin, washing feet with servant hands.
6. There are three gifts that remain when all other things have perished.
Only faith, hope, love enduring, and the greatest gift is love.

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Distribution of Holy Communion: Ubi Caritas

REFRAIN: Ubi caritas est vera, est vera: Deus ibi est, Deus ibi est.

1. The love of Christ joins us together. Let us rejoice in him,
And in our love and care for all now love God in return. (Refrain)
2. In true communion let us gather. May all divisions cease
And in their place be Christ the Lord, our risen Prince of Peace. (Refrain)
3. May we who gather at this table to share the bread of life
Become a sacrament of love, your healing touch, O Christ. (Refrain)
4. For those in need make us your mercy, for those oppressed, your might.
Make us, your Church, a holy sign of justice and new life. (Refrain)
5. May we one day behold your glory and see you face to face,
Rejoicing with the saints of God to sing eternal praise. (Refrain)

Refrain and vss. 1,2,5 text based on Ubi Caritas, 9th cent.; verses 3,4 text Bob Hurd; Text and music © 1996, 2004, Bob Hurd. Published by OCP.

Distribution of Holy Communion: Mary's Song

1. My soul doth glory in your love, O Lord. My soul doth glory in your love, O Lord.
For you gazed on your servant with compassion and you reached out and took me by the hand.
2. Great are you, God, and holy is your name. Your mercy reaches to the end of time.
Ah, the lowly you raise to the heavens, and the proud-hearted have no part with you.
3. Ah, how you fill the hungry with your love. With empty hands the rich are sent away.
You will always be mindful of your mercy as you promised your people long ago.
4. My soul doth glory in your love, O Lord. My soul doth glory in your love, O Lord.
For you smiled on your servant with compassion and you reached out and took me by the hand.

Text: *Magnificat*; based on Luke 1:46-55. Text and music ©1977, Mildred F. Reith (1940-2003). Published by OCP. All rights reserved.

Sending Forth: Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise

1. Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the holy anthem rise, and the choirs of heaven chant it in the temple
of the skies; Let the mountains skip with gladness, and the joyful valleys ring with
hosannas in the highest to our Savior and our King!
2. Alleluia! Alleluia! Like the sun from out the wave, He has risen up in triumph from the
darkness of the grave. He's the splendor of the nations, He's the lamp of endless day;
He's the very Lord of glory who is risen up today!
3. Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessed Jesus, make us rise from the life of this corruption to the life
that never dies. May your glory be our portion when the days of time are past, and the
dead shall be awakened by the trumpet's mighty blast!

Text 87 87 D; Edward Caswall, 1814-1878. Music: *St. Basil's Hymnal*, 1889.





Mass Intentions



| Date | Time | Location | Intention | Requested By |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Monday May 10 <i>Easter Weekday/St. Damien de Veuster, Priest</i> | 8:30 AM | St. Athanasius | Bertha & Roberdean Kegg & Anna Ferrara † | Anna Mae & Lou Caracciolo |
| | 12 PM | St. Sebastian | Joseph Janota † | Family |
| Tuesday May 11 <i>Easter Weekday</i> | 8:30 AM | St. Athanasius | Julius & Christina Wailand † | Peggy Wailand |
| | 12 PM | St. Sebastian | Ruth Santucci and Tony Santucci † | Teresa & Rocco Santucci |
| Wednesday May 12 <i>Easter Weekday/ Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr</i> | 8:30 AM | St. Athanasius | Deceased of Tabaka Family † | Tom & Christine Luchi |
| | 12 PM | St. Sebastian | Dave Lyons † | Bob & Monica Lyons |
| | 4 PM Vigil Mass | St. Teresa of Avila | Patricia Langel † | OLMC Music Ministry |
| | 6 PM Vigil Mass | St. Sebastian | The People of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish | |
| Thursday May 13 The Ascension of the Lord | 9 AM | Incarnation of the Lord | Anna & Louis Sibenik † | Thomas Sibenik |
| | 12 PM | St. Sebastian | Dorothy Robbins † | Karen & Jim Kramer |
| | 7 PM | St. Athanasius | Judith Haberman Williams † | Jackson Family |
| Friday May 14 <i>St. Matthias, Apostle</i> | 8:30AM | St. Athanasius | Raymond & Janet DelDin † | Family |
| | 12 PM | St. Sebastian | Mary Ann McDunn † | Mary & Gaetano Morello |
| Saturday May 15 <i>Easter Weekday/ St. Isidore</i> | 11 AM | St. Athanasius | Confessions | |
| | 4 PM Vigil Mass | St. Teresa of Avila | Christine Bezila † | Carol Longo |
| | 5 PM Vigil Mass | St. Athanasius | Living & Deceased of the Cotter Family † | Family |
| | 6 PM Vigil Mass | St. Sebastian | Deceased of Miksic & Noble Families † | Jack & Mary Lynn Miksic |
| Sunday May 16 Seventh Sunday of Easter | 8 AM | Incarnation of the Lord | The People of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish | |
| | 9 AM | St. Athanasius | Patricia Tate † | Janeda Family |
| | 10 AM | St. Sebastian | Donald Pferdehirt † | Dolly & Family |
| | 11 AM | St. Teresa of Avila | Martin Riegner † | Marcy & Pete Fuscaldo & Family |



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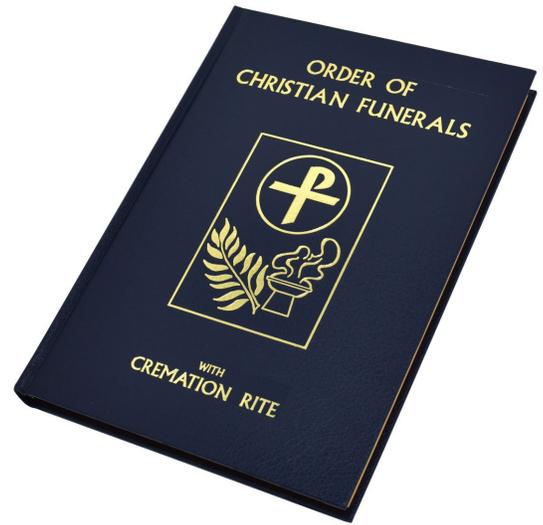
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Parish Funeral Ministry Supports Families During Difficult Time

Beginning tomorrow, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish will once again begin holding Funeral Masses at all four of our parish churches. One of the important things we want you to know is that our Funeral Ministry, which is maintained under the auspices of our Parish Social Ministry department, strives to compassionately support families during their time of grief. When you contact us to plan a funeral for a loved one, please know that you will be in our prayers.



Funeral planning encompasses a number of parts. For example, Funeral Liturgy Planners assist families in preparing a Mass of Christian Burial that honors their loved one. Using the Funeral Liturgy Planning Guide (available at www.mountcarmelpgh.org/funeral-ministry), families choose scripture readings and music and complete a brief biography about the deceased. The Funeral Liturgy Planner relays information to the priest, deacon and music minister. Parish volunteers also attend the visitation at the funeral home, to represent the parish and offer support to mourners.

Your Support Needed to Help Our Food Pantry Help Those in Need

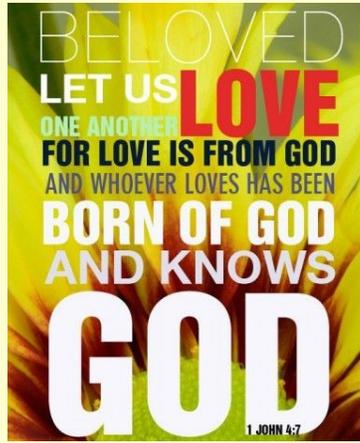


Here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, our Society of St. Vincent de Paul assists those in financial need and with our food pantry. During this challenging time, with the COVID-19 pandemic changing how many of our neighbors live, it's especially important to remember that our help is needed. If you find yourself in need, please contact the Social Ministry Office. If you have the means to help others, please consider donating to our Food Pantry.

Donations can be dropped off outside of Haber Hall on the St. Sebastian campus. That's the small house that sits just above the upper parking lot. There is a trash can labeled Food Pantry Donations and the Vincentians check the bin daily and take donations into the building. Thank you for your continued support!



Ted Rybka



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Our readings today move us from acceptance to love. Peter points out that the Holy Spirit comes to Gentiles and Jews alike, preaching that God does not discriminate. John calls on us to love one another, for God is love. Jesus, on the night before he was put to death, tells his disciples that there is no greater love than laying down one's life for others. May we listen attentively to these lessons of grace-filled tolerance and selfless love. **Alleluia!**

I can't think of a better way to celebrate our first Mother's Day as Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish than to acknowledge our Blessed Mother, Mary. Although her feast isn't celebrated until July 16th, we don't have to wait until then to ask for her intercession. As the charter members of this new parish, we already have a special relationship with Our Lady of Mount Carmel, so for us, it's Mother's Day every day.



THREE DAY NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Say this prayer for three consecutive days:

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven.
Oh, Blessed Mother of the Son of God; Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity.
Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me you are my Mother.
Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity.
(Mention your request here)
There are none that can withstand your power.
Oh, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. *(say three times)*.
Holy Mary, I place this prayer in your hands. *(say three times)*. **Amen.**



Here are the winning numbers for our 300 Club thus far since our inaugural drawing on St. Patrick's Day:

March 17th - # **060** March 22nd - # **123** March 29th - # **072**
April 5th - # **013** April 12th - # **234** April 19th - # **197**
April 26th - # **107**

Remember to keep checking your mailbox as our cash drawings continue throughout the year, and good luck!

Faith Formation

Marriage Moments



Deacon Bob
Koslosky



Ms. Katie
Dorman

“I wish he had come with an instruction manual . . . A guide to a man’s brain”



Funny, and sometimes maddening, how relationships grow ... never in a straight line and certainly filled with laughter, frustration, tears, joys, anger, emotional separation, disillusionment, forgiveness, healing and intimacy. As we move forward in our love relationships from the dating stage to engagement, marriage differences between a man and a woman become all too apparent that leave many saying at times, “*I have no idea why he/she acts the way they do.*”

Fortunately, the Marriage Ministry team at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish is here to provide some insights and resources that can help couples understand the dynamics of relationships.



Recently, we came across a video clip from Focus on the Family entitled *Understanding How Your Husband Thinks and Acts* in which author and marriage counselor Dr. Michael Bechtle shared his thoughts on this subject and from his book *I Wish He Had Come With an Instruction Manual: A Guide to a Man’s Brain*.

This is a fun, informative and, in some instances, a provocative clip that we think you will enjoy watching as a couple. Schedule a nice evening together, copy and paste this Focus on the Family YouTube video clip (<https://youtu.be/SP4jPZ34WnA>) and have a fun, non-judgmental, non-defensive discussion on all of your husband’s most “endearing” qualities.

To see other articles on marriage, engagement, relationships, and families, visit www.foryourmarriage.org and www.focusonthefamily.com

For your viewing pleasure on the Formed.org platform:

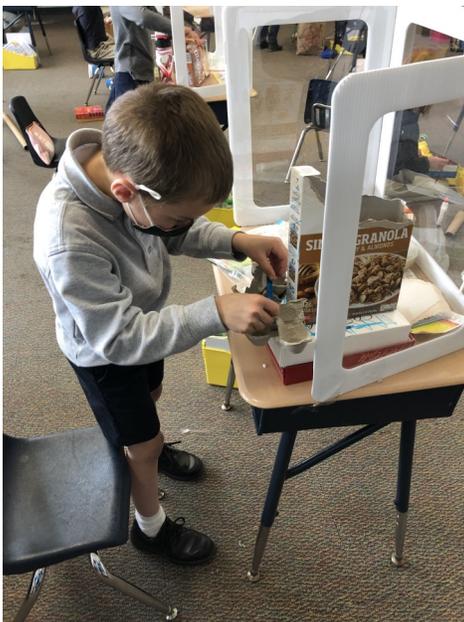
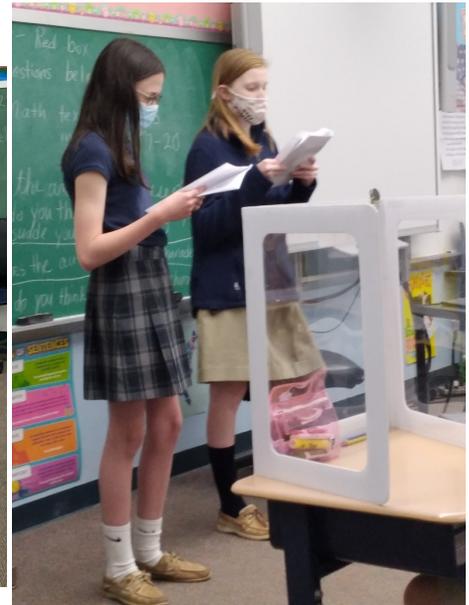
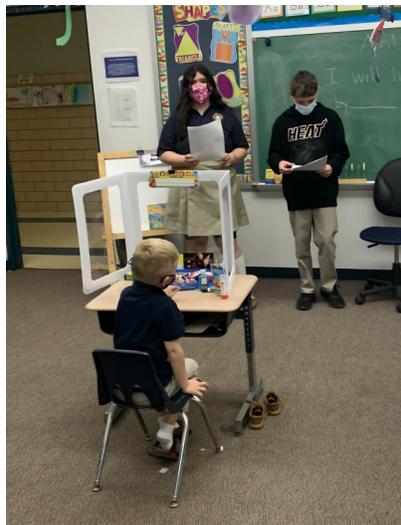
“Beloved” uncovers the mystery and the meaning of the sacrament. What if marriage is more than you think it is? Couples are invited to experience firsthand the wonder, mystery and joy behind that first “I do” ... whether you said it last year or many years ago. Beloved is composed of two parts: “The Mystery and Meaning of Marriage” and “Living Marriage.” Formed is a Catholic version of Netflix! Why not binge watch this weekend?





Fourth and Fifth graders' homemade instruments

Seventh graders presenting Earth Day reports



First graders making recycled robots

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